DECISION

The following resolution adopted in the last Joint Conference of Chief Minister of States and Chief Justices of High Courts held on 11th March, 2006 is reiterated:

"(i) A Committee consisting of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, Union Minister for Finance and Union Minister for Law & Justice be set-up at national level for ensuring timely implementation of the decisions taken at Chief Justices' Conference and Joint Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices. Wherever deemed appropriate, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India be invited to the meeting of the Committee.

(ii) Monitoring Committees at two levels be set-up in each State for timely implementation of the decisions taken at Chief Justices' Conference and joint Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices. The first level Committee should consist of Chief Secretary, Registrar General of the High Court and Law Secretary of the State, whereas the second level Committee should consist of Chief Minister, Chief Justice and Law Minister of the State."

Enhancement in budget for judiciary

384. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking up the proposal for enhancement of the planned budget for the judiciary; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Central Government has enhanced the outlay for the Plan schemes, being implemented for the Administration of Justice, in the Eleventh Five Year Plan to Rs. 1470 crore from Rs. 700 crore that was provided as the outlay for the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Pending cases in courts

385. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that both civil and criminal cases remain pending and are not finalized for decades together;

(b) if so, the number of such cases pending in the High Courts, State-wise and since when;

(c) whether Government is considering to issue instructions to the Courts to finalize such cases within a shortest period to avoid delays; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Government is aware that a number of civil and criminal cases have remained pending with courts for a long period.

(b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.